


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: August 8, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 40 funding for the Milton Street Site.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 40 funding for the Milton Street Site.

Legislative Authority: Joint Exercise of Powers Action (Public Resources Code Section 6500 *et seq.*)

Background: MRCA staff intend to submit an application for the Milton Street Site, a project along Ballona Creek to the west of the improvements completed at the Centinela Avenue entrance to the Ballona Creek Bike Trail in 2005. The recently acquired project area is a 1.2-acre rectangular parcel adjacent to the Ballona Creek and bike path. Directly north of the proposed park is a small residential street, Milton St., and the ball fields of Marina Del Ray Middle School. The development of a park at the Milton Street Site has great potential to increase needed open space in Los Angeles, provide a passive recreational amenity as well as incorporate interpretive elements to heighten awareness of area resources. The Proposition 40 funds would be used for project planning and design of the project. The work funded by this grant will include project management, community outreach, and design of a park along the Ballona Creek at the Milton Street Site.